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CONSUMER ADVISORY

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission's Manufactured Housing and Modular Units Program is issuing a consumer advisory reminder regarding the voluntary recall of certain gas control valves on water heaters and compact gas fireplaces that may have been installed in manufactured homes. State officials have received information from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Manufactured Housing Programs that HUD has recently been made aware of these recalls from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The voluntary recall involves Robertshaw R110 Series Gas Control Valves manufactured by Robertshaw Controls Co. and "Vanguard" and "FMI" Compact Fireplaces manufactured by DESA Heating Products. **The HUD advisory contains information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission who has recommended that consumers stop using the recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.**

Regarding the Robertshaw R110 Series Gas Control Valves, CPSC warns that "screws on some water heater valves could break. If this happens, gas could leak from the valve, which poses a risk of gas explosion and fire". According to CPSC, the recalled R110 Gas Control Valves were installed on natural and liquid propane (LP) gas water heaters. The recalled valves were manufactured between July 25, 2005 and August 14, 2005 with the production date codes 5-31 through and including 5-33, although not all valves with these date codes are affected. CPSC says the recalled valves were installed on the following water heater brands: American Proline, Bradford White, GE, GSW, Hotpoint, Jetglas, John Wood, Lochinvar, Premier Plus, Powerflex, Rheem, Richmond, Ruud, Vanguard, Whirlpool and U.S. Craftmaster.

Regarding the "Vanguard" and "FMI" Compact Fireplaces, the CPSC warns that "the burner tube connection to the gas valve can leak gas when the main burner is on. This leaking gas can ignite, causing a minor flare-up, which could cause nearby combustibles to ignite". The voluntary recall includes DESA Heating Products 10,000 Btu Thermostatically Controlled Compact Classic Hearth Fireplaces that burn propane or natural gas. According to CPSC, they have the following model names and number: Vanguard (VMH10TPC & VMH10TNC) and FMI (EFS10TPA & EFS10TNA). They have serial numbers between 015200000 and 017400000. These units were sold between April 2004 and June 2005.

Consumers with questions are encouraged to contact the product manufacturer.